

RULE

Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health

Bacteriological Laboratory Certification

In accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health hereby adopts the following rule to establish a certification program to approve private laboratories to provide bacteriological analytical services needed to aid owners of individual water supplies in Louisiana in assuring that drinking waters are bacteriologically safe.

Because no funding has been allocated for this certification program and no fee is currently being collected for provision of the service, this program will be implemented pursuant to a prioritization of functions within the Division of Laboratories and to the extent permitted by current funding and staff resources. Higher priority workload activities will be accomplished first. The Division of Laboratories will consider each request for certification by a private laboratory in the order in which the requests are received, with prioritization given to the need for bacteriological analytical services in the particular locale. Each individual will be responsible for paying the private laboratory for the analytical services provided.

Laboratories seeking certification pursuant to this rule will be certified in accordance with regulations contained in a Department of Health and Hospitals manual for the certification of laboratories analyzing drinking water. A copy of the manual is available at the following locations:

REGION I	Metropolitan	3308 Tulane Avenue Fifth Floor New Orleans, LA 70119
REGION II	Capitol	1772 Wooddale Boulevard Baton Rouge, LA 70806
REGION III	Tech	206 East Third Street Drawer 1369 Thibodaux, LA 70301
REGION IV	Acadian	825 Kaliste Saloom, Suite 100 Lafayette, LA 70508
REGION V	Southwest	4240 Legion Street Box 16826 Lake Charles, LA 70615
REGION VI	Central	1335 Jackson Street Box 4207 Alexandria, LA 71301
REGION VII	Northwest	Allen Memorial State Office Building Fifth Floor 1525 Fairfield Avenue Shreveport, LA 71101-4388
REGION VIII	Northeast	2913 Betin Street Box 6118 Monroe, LA 71201
REGION IX	Southeast	520 Old Spanish Trail Slidell, LA 70459

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